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Applicant : Sebastian Obermanns
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Examiner : Amanuel Lebassi
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Customer No. : 24131

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Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's Answer dated October 28, 2011 and the Office communication dated November 21, 2011, appellants herewith submit the following remarks.

On pages 12 and 13 of the Examiner's Answer the Examiner responds to Appellant's argument on page 8, paragraph 2. However, in the Examiner's Answer,

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the Examiner does not refer to the same limitations of claim 10 that Appellant referenced in making the prior comments.

The prior comments are directed to the following limitations of claim 10:

"thereby operating the first central control device to control the transmission channels available to the first radio coverage area, both for transmitting data between the first central control device and the intermediate station and for transmitting data between the intermediate station and the second central control device" (underlining has been added).

Appellant reiterates that paragraph 44 of Gupta only teaches that there is a relay path. There is no teaching regarding controlling transmission channels. In particular, there is no teaching regarding the limitations of claim 10 that are copied above.

Let us consider, for example, the wireless communication device 125b shown in Fig. 1. The wireless communication device 125b could be considered to be an intermediate station in the first radio coverage area 101 that relays data from the base station 105 to the base station 110 via another wireless communication device 125c in the second radio coverage area 102. However, there is no teaching that the base station 105 is operated to control the transmission channels available to the first radio coverage area 101 when data is transmitted between the wireless communication device 125b (intermediate station) in the first radio coverage area

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101 and the base station 110 (second central control device) in the second coverage area 102 via the wireless communication device 125c. The claimed limitation is not taught.

Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account Number 12-1099 of Lerner Greenberg Stemer LLP.

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